

**2013 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
ROGERS SHEEP ALLOTMENTS**

**ROBBER'S ROOST SHEEP ALLOTMENT
REED CANYON SHEEP ALLOTMENT
OLD TOM SHEEP ALLOTMENT
BIRCH CREEK SHEEP ALLOTMENT**

This is your Annual Operating Instructions for the Robbers Roost, Reed Canyon, Old Tom, and Birch Creek Sheep Allotments. This Plan is part of your Term Grazing Permit as specified in Part 2, Number 8 (a) of your permit.

As part of the Terms & Conditions of your Permit, Part 2 Number 8 (i), all range improvements and maintenance on water developments must be completed before sheep enter the forest. Non-use does not relieve any permittee from their range improvement maintenance responsibility.

Before livestock enter the forest, your grazing fees must be paid and notice received in this office. Failure to follow this procedure is a violation of your permit.

A grazing capacity study is ongoing on the Robbers Roost and Reed Canyon Allotments and it is estimated that these allotments can support the restored carrying capacity of livestock. We are proposing to combine the Reed Canyon and Robbers Roost Allotments into one which would reflect your deferred rotation.

Note any trespass of cattle by neighboring private landholdings this grazing season.

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK (SHEEP) and PERMITTED SEASON OF USE

<u>ALLOTMENT</u>	<u>NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK</u>	<u>PERMITTED SEASON OF USE</u>
Reed Canyon (odd)	1030	6/6-8/25
Robbers Roost (even)	0	
Old Tom/ Birch Creek	700	6/15-8/15

Specific Standards for:

Allotment	Stream	Indicator	Standard
Old Tom/Birch	Mormon Canyon Rowe Creek Garden Creek	Bank Alteration	15%
		AIZ Utilization (area between the stream and upland vegetation)	30%
	Cottonwood Creek Lost Creek Birch Creek	Bank Alteration	20%
		AIZ Utilization	45%
Robbers Roost	Two Mile Creek Crane Creek Upper Rock Creek Robbers Roost Creek	Bank Alteration	15%
		AIZ Utilization	30%
	Quinn Creek Lower Rock Creek Harkness Creek	Bank Alteration	15%
		AIZ Utilization	40%
Reed Canyon	East Bob Smith	Bank Alteration	10-15%
		AIZ Utilization	40%
	West Bob Smith Reed Canyon (N. & S Forks) Kelly Gulch Bell Canyon Beach Hollow	Bank Alteration	15%
		AIZ Utilization	30%

PROPER UTILIZATION FOR ALL UNITS

Should bank erosion of perennial streams be evident, soil displacement guidelines may also be used. In addition, recreation sites may have to be grazed at a lower level depending on the situation. Any changes in utilization levels for these areas will be cooperatively determined with you at each specific site.

Upland Forage Utilization	Utilization Criteria
Grass and herbaceous species (% dry weight)	Utilization of upland forage species on this allotment should not exceed 50% of key species (Blue Bunch Wheat Grass and Idaho Fescue).
Shrubs (% Annual leader growth)	Utilization in the uplands will vary from 25% to 35% depending on whether it is considered as: winter range, critical winter range, or non-winter range.

ROTATIONAL USE

Please insure that your herder allows the sheep to water only once in any given location. Once watered, sheep must be herded off the stream. Do not allow sheep to shade or noon-up on any live streams. Instruct your herder to move sheep to water as early in the day as possible, preferably before the heat of the day. This will make it easier to move sheep back off the water site for their noon shade-up. One hour time limit on all waters.

"Once-over" grazing use and open herding should be practiced. Bed grounds should not be used in excess of one night. When salting, please salt in a new location each year. By spreading out salt areas, we can permit grazing of steeper watershed areas. We prefer that salt be applied on rocky areas, and avoid salting steep, east-facing slopes where snow cornices build up. All camps should have a serviceable ax and shovel for fire control. Do not bed within 1/8 mile of the Boundary Trail. When you cross the trail, instruct your herder to remove rocks dislodged by the sheep.

IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE

Maintain any water developments on your allotments:

1. Dig out silt from the headbox as necessary.
2. Maintain the exclosure around the spring.
3. Remove leaves, silt, and other debris from the troughs.
4. Replace broken materials on the trough frame system.
5. Ensure that the overflow line is properly working.
6. Please turnoff the water into the trough at the headbox when your sheep leave the area.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Any change that deviates from this Annual Operation Instruction must be made in advance and be in writing by the District Ranger.

A Forest closure order exists for any hay or straw used in association with your permit, and must be certified and tagged as noxious weed, or noxious weed seed free as directed by the order. Please notify our office of any weed populations on your allotment, so that a crew can be sent out to map and treat them.

Please contact Hans Bastian at 236-7526 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jefferey J. Hammes

JEFFERY J. HAMMES
Westside District Ranger

NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
Rogers Sheep	<i>/s/ David Rogers</i>	<i>3/19/13</i>